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Landmarking Modernism

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1 April 2004 = NHL

“ Do or Die! ”





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What is USAFA

- **One image**
- **A four-year university (Ranked 6th in the nation for engineering)**
- **A nationally recognized site attracting over one million visitors each year**
- **One of the three largest examples of Modernist architecture in the nation**
- **Equivalent to a small national park**
- **It is a place where people work, learn, live and play-- and visit: a campus!**





Dave Tu

Rivalry between two football teams resulted in a few pranks Friday: Above, someone painted over "Air Force" on the side of Falcon Sta-

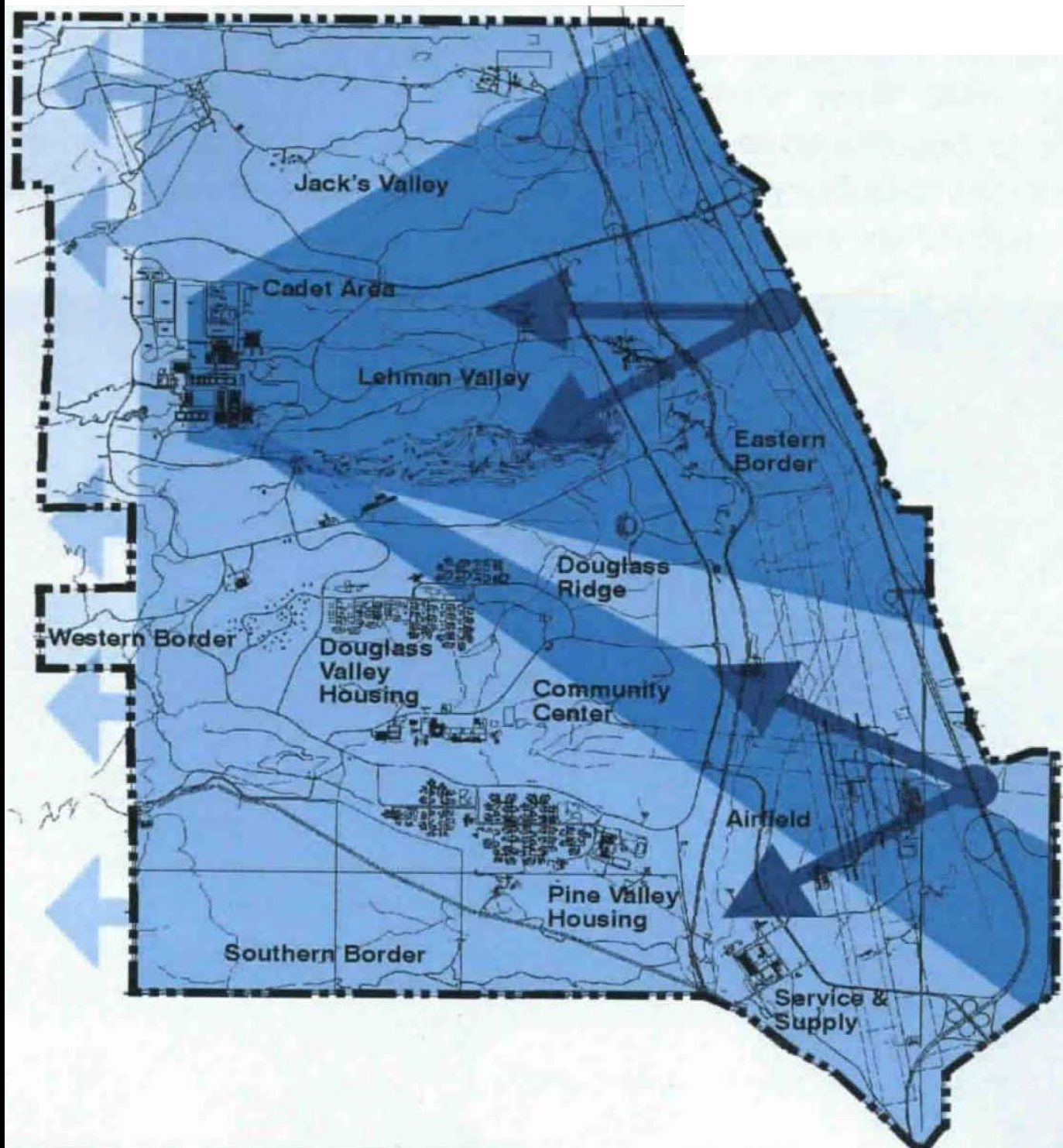
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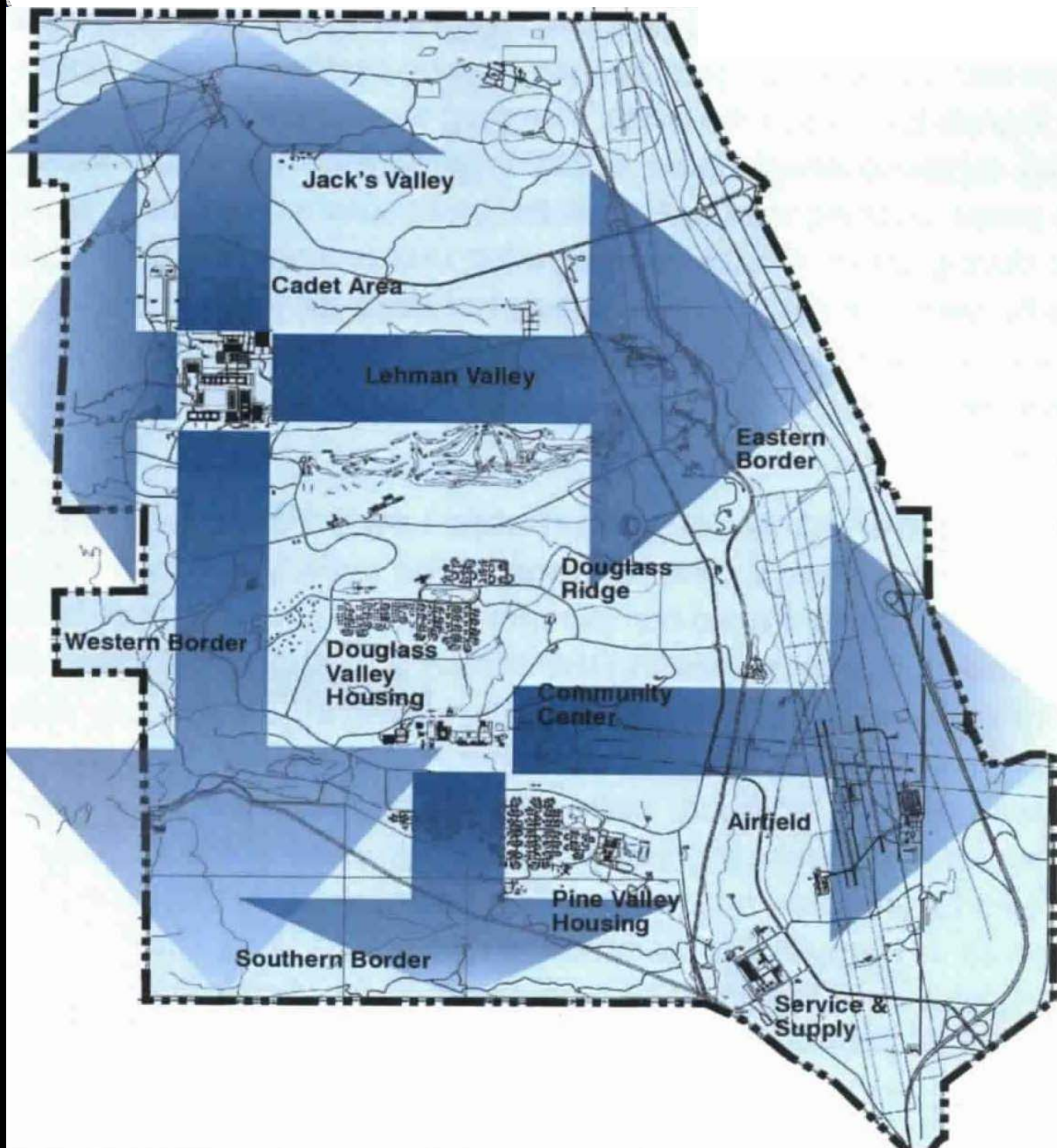
Call out the Marines

Air Force Navy battle started well before today's kickoff































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Cultural Resources? What's That?

- **New attitude of facility excellence vs. piecemeal development**
- **Skidmore, Owings and Merrill brought back to do new master plan and design standards**
- **Started to look back at the principles of the original design and the mindset of the original designers**
 - **Interviews with original design team**
 - **Participation of the Walter Netsch and SOM on critical issues**



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Defining The Context

- **Modernism at Mid-Century, the Architecture of the United States Air Force Academy,**
University of Chicago Press
- **National Park Service**
- **On the Wings of Modernism,** **University of Illinois Press**



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The Context

- **American planning and architectural history**
- **Modernist design, specifically International Style Modernism**
 - **Architecture**
 - **Planning**
 - **Landscape design**
 - **Interior design**
- **American military heritage**



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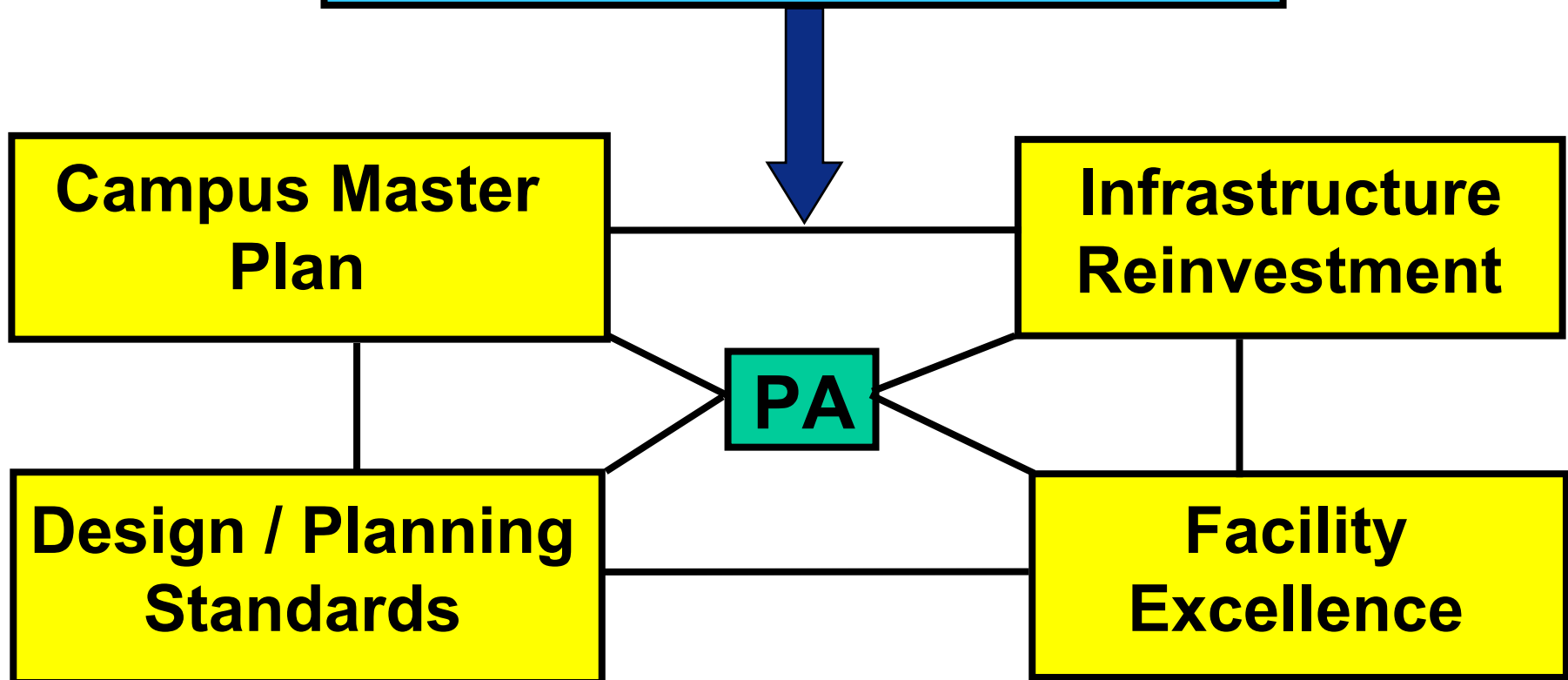


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Quad

USAFA Strategic Plan

Objective 4.2: Stewardship of historic assets



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Our Assessment

- **Advantages**
 - **Programmatic Agreement**
 - **Recognition**
 - **Heritage**
 - **Access to alternative funding for specific projects**
 - **Compliments facility standards already in use**
- **Disadvantages**



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Report Card

- **HQ USAFA: A**
- **HQ USAF: A**
- **SAF: A**
- **National Park Service: A**
- **Colorado SHPO: A**
- **Total Experience: A**



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